

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-9, as amended, remain herein. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in cancelled claim 3, and in the specification at p.11, line 20-p.14, line 20; and p.17, lines 18-21.

1. The title has been amended to moot the objection thereto.

2. Claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Yamazaki U.S. Patent 6,433,487. Claim 3 has been cancelled, mooting the rejection thereof. Yamazaki discloses an electroluminescent display device with an insulating film, a pixel electrode on the insulating film, a cathode on the pixel electrode, an electroluminescent layer on the cathode, and an anode on the electroluminescent layer. The pixel electrode has a saw-tooth surface. The cathode has a saw-tooth following the surface of the pixel electrode, and the electroluminescent layer has one saw-tooth surface adjacent to the cathode and one saw-tooth surface with shallower troughs opposite the cathode.

Yamazaki fails to disclose first and second electrodes, and an emissive layer, with meandering surfaces that are different in any two parallel cross-sections, as recited in Applicants' claims 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9. Rather, in Yamazaki, two parallel cross-sections of the electrode and EL layer have two identical surface shapes. Since Yamazaki fails to disclose every element of Applicants' claims 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9, it is an inadequate basis for rejecting claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 under § 102. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

3. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yamazaki and Manabe JP 53079. For the reasons stated above, Yamazaki fails to disclose every element of Applicants'

claim 1, from which claim 5 depends. Manabe fails to provide what Yamazaki lacks. Manabe fails to disclose that a surface shape of a first electrode and an emissive layer would be different in any two parallel cross-sections. Nor would it have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Yamazaki or Manabe to render obvious Applicants' claims. None of Manabe, Yamazaki or anything else in this record contains any disclosure that would have motivated one of ordinary skill in the art to form a meandering surface as recited in claims 1, 2, and 5. For the foregoing reasons, Manabe and Yamazaki are inadequate grounds for rejecting claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

4. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yamazaki and Okada JP 2001338757. For the reasons stated above, Yamazaki fails to disclose every element of Applicants' claim 6, from which claim 7 depends. Okada fails to provide what Yamazaki lacks. Okada fails to disclose that a surface shape of a first electrode and an emissive layer would be different in any two parallel cross-sections. Nor would it have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Yamazaki or Okada to render obvious Applicants' claims. None of Okada, Yamazaki or anything else in this record contains any disclosure that would have motivated one of ordinary skill in the art to form a meandering surface as recited in claims 6 and 7. For the foregoing reasons, Okada and Yamazaki are inadequate grounds for rejecting claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Accordingly, claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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